Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Audiologists and speech-language pathologists in South Dakota observe and celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month each year during the month of May; and,

Whereas, South Dakota recognizes and values the efforts of all who work to eliminate or minimize the isolating effects of communication disorders in the one in 10 families affected by them; and,

Whereas, Those citizens of South Dakota who have overcome their communication disabilities through the services of dedicated audiologists and speech-language pathologists should be recognized; and,

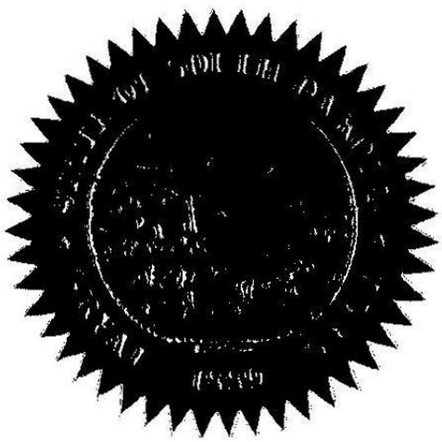
Whereas, Audiology and speech-language pathology services throughout our nation help to enable and empower individuals with communication disorders to lead independent, productive, and fulfilling lives; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is proud and honored to have around 400 audiologists and speech-language pathologists offering quality education and health care services to its citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2004 as

BETTER HEARING & SPEECH MONTH

in South Dakota, and I encourage all South Dakota citizens to recognize the achievements of audiologists and speech-language pathologists in improving the quality of life for people with communication disorders.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State